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### Announcement.

We are authorized to announce  
HARVEY JOBE, JR.,  
as a candidate for County Judge subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Judge of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

W. H. Woods.

We are authorized to announce  
G. W. SKAGGS,  
as a candidate for County Attorney of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
G. B. FUGETT  
as a candidate for County Attorney, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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DAVID SHORT  
as a candidate for Jailer of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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M. G. THOMPSON  
as a candidate for Sheriff of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
FRANK A. JOHNSON  
as a candidate for County Clerk of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
JAMES S. JORDAN  
as a candidate for Jailer of Lawrence county subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
MONT NELSON  
as a candidate for Assessor of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
JOHN A. COMPTON  
as a candidate for Magistrate in the district composed of the Palmyra and Bear Creek precincts, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
LABAN T. SIMPSON  
as a candidate for Assessor of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce  
JOHN ESTEP  
as a candidate for Sheriff of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Republican party.

We are authorized to announce  
ALONZO L. BURTON  
as a candidate for Jailer, subject to the action of the Republican party.

We are authorized to announce  
R. G. CORDE  
of Blaine, as a candidate for Jailer of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Republican party.

Practically all the railroads in Kentucky have accepted the rules laid down by the State Board of Health of Kentucky providing for the sanitation of their cars.

The Colorado Supreme Court has gone so far in the counting out of Gov-elect Adams and the Democratic ticket that the Republicans now have control of both branches of the Legislature. That body is now dependent upon to finish the work.

A delegation of Bourbon county Democrats called on Gov. Beckham and protested against the appointment of Emmett Dickson, of Paris, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Cantrell. Owing to the factional fight in Bourbon, the appointment may go to Judge Robert L. Stout, of Woodford county.

In an opinion given to Insurance Commissioner Frewitt, Attorney General Hays holds that all local agents of Kentucky, stock, mutual and assured insurance companies are required to pay an annual license tax under the statutes. The opinion will probably be tested in the courts.

Mr. R. W. Brown the managing editor of the Louisville Times delivered a memorial address to the Elks at Philadelphia, which is said to have been one of the finest speeches ever delivered in that city of Brotherly Love, and held his vast audience spell bound.

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CHARLEY.

Since our last letter the death messenger has been a frequent visitor to our community. On the 11th, John Preston, who has been suffering with consumption, passed away. His remains were interred in the family graveyard. On the 17th, Uncle Isaac Pack, Sr., one of the oldest citizens in the Big Sandy valley passed away very quietly. His age was 92 years. His remains were laid to rest at his old home place. Also, died on the 17th, Reed Judd. Mr. Judd met his death by a late falling on him in a coal bank the day before, crushing his shoulders and stomach. The body was buried in the old Judd graveyard. His age was 55.

Uncle Al Hinkle's widow is lying at the point of death. Also, Mrs. Reed Judd.

The Sunday School is preparing to have a Christmas entertainment and tree.

H. S. Dean has moved his family to Louisville. We are sorry to have them leave us.

David Spencer is preparing to enlarge his dwelling house.

Luther Spencer has gone to house-keeping in L. W. Spencer's house.

Born, recently to Luther Spencer and wife, a girl. It lived only a short time and was buried in the J. B. Spencer graveyard.

Meeting began here last Sunday night. We hope there will be much good done before it closes.

W. M. Chapman has built a new barn on his property.

Blue Hawk.

PATRICK.

Aunt Vicky Boyd is still on the sick list but is slowly improving.

Elba, the little daughter of Reuben Boyd, has had a severe attack of scarletina. Dr. said it might be called first stage of scarlet fever.

Elder Roscoe Murray has been called to Kiths Hill, Ohio, to conduct a series of meetings.

Joe, Borders is moving his saw mill to head of Laurel fork of Nats creek to saw for Mend and Patrick.

Our neighborhood is pulling along about as good as usual. Now give us some plies so we can get around without wading through mud.

Thanatopsis.

## "THE BIG STORE"

The Things we Don't Sell are Too Few to Mention. 2 or 3 Thousand Pounds of Fresh Candy Received Yesterday.

## Prices that Leave But Little to Be Said

Holiday Shopping is Brisk—Our Cut Prices Makes it Livelier Still, and the Eagerness of Two Customers Wanting the Same Good Value Makes it Livelier than Ever.

## REAL JANUARY PRICES IN DECEMBER

That's the nature of our December Sale. Great throngs are out shopping. It'll make you feel like hustling to see them, if you haven't started to buy yet. Just now a dollar covers more "Fine Value" than it ever did before. Test it.

## JUST ANOTHER WORD

If we could place before your eyes a daily scene of this store just now with its SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS, we know you would do a great deal of Shopping. Read the Prices.

**COAT SUITS.** \$12.00 to \$13.50 Coat Suits for..... \$ 9.50  
\$15.00 to \$17.00 Coat Suits for..... 13.50  
\$20.00 to \$25.00 Coat Suits for..... 17.50  
\$30.00 to \$35.00 Coat Suits for..... 25.00  
\$40.00 to \$50.00 Coat Suits for..... 35.00

**LADIES' CLOAKS.** \$10.00 to \$11.50 Cloaks for..... \$ 7.50  
\$12.50 to \$15.00 Cloaks for..... 9.50  
\$17.50 to \$20.00 Cloaks for..... 13.50  
\$22.50 to \$30.00 Cloaks for..... 17.50  
\$32.50 to \$40.00 Cloaks for..... 25.00

**CHILDREN'S CLOAKS**  
Ages 4 to 12 Years.  
\$ 3.00 to \$ 4.00 Cloaks for..... \$2  
\$4.50 to \$ 6.00 Cloaks for..... \$3  
\$6.50 to \$ 8.00 Cloaks for..... \$4  
\$8.50 to \$10.00 Cloaks for..... \$5  
\$12.00 to \$15.00 Cloaks for..... \$7.50

**First Floor Articles.**  
Trimmed Hats at Half-Price Five Per Cent off. Entire stock effected including Phipps and Gage. Beautiful Piano Covers and Mantle Draperies at Half-Price.

**First Floor and Basement.**  
Handsome Chenille Table Covers at 25 per cent. reduction. Toys in Basement—Holiday Novelties on First Floor. Watch close for reduced price cards—they are posted prominently over the entire store.

AGENTS FOR BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS AND "THE DELINEATOR"

## Valentine & Newcomb,

Huntington, West Virginia.



# WINTER GOODS

AND MANY USEFUL

ARTICLES FOR

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

The Eloise Improvement Co.

Louisville, Kentucky.

JAY H. NORTON, Pres. F. T. D. WALLACE, Sec.

JED. DAVIS Store Mgr.

## WEBBVILLE.

Judge Woods went to Catlettsburg. James Wright and Miss Mollie Vanhorn were married yesterday at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Riley Henley, of Pin Hook, Morgan county, is here on her way to Catlettsburg.

Mr. Fowler, oil man, is back with machinery to-day to confine the Kains creek gas.

Josee Blanton was here on his way to his home in Johnson county.

Charley Holbrook, drummer for Payne & Co., Charleston, was here to-day.

G. Belcher, deputy Sheriff, is here and is a hustler.

Wat Rucker, the depot agent, went to Catlettsburg to attend U. S. Court. Ervin Kitchen is filling his place.

Taylor, Brown & Co. loaded out a big car load of lumber to-day.

Mr. Clay passed through here returning from Hunnwell to his home at Flat Gap.

Mr. Valentine, of Ashland, came down on Blaine back on his way home.

Willard Brown, of Denton, was here to-day.

T. A. Goss, the XXXX coffee man, is here.

Sam Sheppard has put a plowing machine in his mill and it is working fine. The mill is quite an improvement to Webbville, and you now can get any kind of dressed lumber you want.

Plem Kitchen, who moved to Cincinnati, is here on a visit and says he likes this country much better than that.

Jason Boggs is here from Calmes creek. His daughter from Washington is visiting him.

Mr. Henderson, of Olive Hill, has bought out Doc Frayley, of Willard, and has found fourteen feet of fire clay on the property. Big excitement.

The big gas well at Calmes creek has again blown off the cap with which they had confined the flow. People around there are scared to death. Some think it is not half a mile from there. I would have told them that ten years ago, Mr. Fowler, one of the operators has gone away for appliances to shut in the well.

D. L. Justice has bought a new saw mill to come to this county.

Your writer has gone to Logan and Holden, W. Va., to see his children and new grand daughter, and if his nerve holds up will probably take a bear hunt.

The literary Friday night was fine. The recitation by Miss Webb simply could not be beaten. Master Giles delivered his speech in fine style.

A few days ago the rails spread just below Willard and the train turned over. No one seriously hurt. Brakeman Deal was considerably bruised. Passengers and mail came in on a hand car, one hour late.

MATTIE.

We are glad to say that Dillon Moore, who has been dangerously ill of typhoid fever, is improving nicely; but Fannie Lamons is very low of consumption and is expected to live but a few days.

J. W. McKinsten has quit selling goods at Mattie and has gone to West Virginia to locate.

F. W. Jordan and wife made a short visit to home folks from Columbus, Ohio, but they have gone back to stay until spring.

Buck Moore is singing "Sweet by and by," and says he is going post.

## BIG GAS WELL.

Our County Now Has One of the Largest.

Our columns have contained brief mention of a gas well struck by the drillers who have been at work on Calmes' creek, in the Cherokee district of this county.

From the best information obtainable we are now able to state with reasonable certainty that the well is the strongest in Kentucky and one of the strongest in the entire country.

When the vein was first reached the tools were blown out of the well with great force and some of the employees were asphyxiated. Every device at hand was tried in the effort to stop the flow, but with no success. Appliances were imported for the purpose and the gas was finally put under control, but this lasted only a short while, as the enormous pressure again broke everything loose. A saw mill some distance away has not been run since, on account of the danger of ignition.

This well is one of a number being drilled by the Standard Oil Company in this county.

In speaking of this well the Grayson Eagle-Herald says:

"Some well drillers struck gas on the farm of Jason Boggs, ten miles above Webbville on the Dryer Fork of Calmes creek, in such quantities that they can not 'plug' the pipe to stop the flow, try as they will—after about fifteen days work."

"There is a very peculiar odor arising from the well, and it was so offensive at first that a saw mill near by stopped work and several families moved out of their homes. They were also afraid it might ignite and burn them out."

The gas seems to be of a peculiar nature, or mixed with oil, as it has blackened every building for five miles around."

We are informed that the pressure of this well is now 615 pounds to the square inch.

SHE TOOK IT BACK.

I. She went to the store And bought a little sack; The thing didn't suit, And so she took it back.

II. The next one was blue, She thought she wanted black; She really thought she did, And so she took it back.

III. And so she took it back.

IV. And so she took it back.

V. And so she took it back.

VI. And so she took it back.

A Word to Correspondents

Every few weeks we are compelled to admonish correspondents to write nothing but the truth, as some of them continually violate our instructions. We do not want the services of any one who will thus impose upon their neighbors, the public and the NEWS. We would rather have a dozen lines of the truth than a column of unreliable stuff.

A man named Darton, from Red Bush, Johnson county, drove 92 fat turkeys into Louisville Wednesday and had the whole flock killed and dressed here and shipped the lot to Buffalo, N. Y. Most of the birds were in fine condition, some of them being extra large and fat.

"Oh Sam, what makes that grin on your face?" "Just been eating some pure buckwheat cakes and New Orleans Syrup from Sullivan's."

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold.

Sold by Louisville Drug Company.

## What Is Wood Alcohol?

The recent distressing affair up Sandy which resulted in the death of ten men, an account of which is printed elsewhere, makes this query very pertinent. The majority of the lally are under the misapprehension that all alcohol is alike. They are told, and many know by experience, that there is alcohol in whiskey, brandy, wine and beer, and that there is also the "reverend stuff" which is commonly called alcohol.

Those unfortunate men who lost their lives from drinking wood alcohol possibly knew no difference between it and what many of them had probably bought more than once, diluted and sweetened it, this making pure and tolerably palatable drink. The alcohol of medicine is the direct result of the fermentation and later distillation of various fruits and grains. Wood alcohol is what its name implies, prepared from wood.

It is subjected to dry or destructive distillation. During the process various liquids come over into the receiving tank. Among them is an impure alcohol which, by various processes, is separated from its impurities and rendered fit for use. It is a colorless liquid, of a warm, pungent taste and peculiar odor. It may be used for almost everything for which grain alcohol is used except drinking, and its cheapness and freedom from internal revenue tax makes it extensively used in the various arts. It has been prescribed as a medicine in doses of ten to fifteen drops, largely diluted, but even this small amount is considered unsafe. Do not forget that wood alcohol is a deadly poison. It paralyzes the heart's action, and if the timely application of the stomach pump fails to relieve the services of the undertaker will soon be required.

Fake Story About Currys.

The incidents which have marked the serio-comic play in which the Currys, Hillons and Wallace have borne prominent parts, the progress of which has been from time to time noted in the News, have diminished in interest and have changed to mere rumor. It was told in Louisville Tuesday that Morgan Curry had been killed and a brother badly wounded by a detective in the employ of the N. & W. railway. The story was believed, because it is said that the Currys, who, by the by, have left Kentucky and moved to West Virginia, had been holding up freight trains and having freight put off at any point desired by them, and also taking hand cars, using them and then dumping them into ditches. On the strength of the news the reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the Currys was withdrawn, but on the day following it was known that the story of the shooting was a fake. Interest in the whole business has subsided and the incident has about closed.

"The Irish Mail" is the latest and best thing on the market in the way of a vehicle for children. They are advertised in all the magazines. The Snyder Hardware Company has them in stock. Suitable for Christmas presents for boys and girls.

Two veranda chairs were taken from Wm. Remmel's residence on Halloween night and have not yet been returned. The parties who took them are hereby notified to return them at once.

NOTICE—I have this day sold my interest in store known as the firm of Holbrook & Kibby, at Glenwood, Ky., to Charley Kibby, who assumes all debts. Corellus Holbrook. This, the 10th day of Nov., 1904.

A TIMELY TOPIC.

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## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Rev. Davenport's wife and two children, of Pollard, are seriously ill with pneumonia—Ashland Independent.

Prestonsburg.—Prof. W. M. Blyington is wearing his brightest smile over the arrival of a fine boy at his home on Sunday, the 18th. The Professor has named his son Frank Hopkins Blyington.

Quite a pretty double wedding occurred at the home of Rev. I. B. Hutcheson, in Catlettsburg, Saturday night. The contracting parties were Sanford Miller and Carrie McGee, and William Thomas and Miss Ida McGee, all of Huntington, the brides being sisters.

Attorney W. T. Cole, of the Greenup bar, has been indicted at the executive department as County Judge of Greenup county, to fill out the unexpired term of Judge J. B. Bennett, the incumbent, when Bennett resigns to take his seat in Congress as the successor of Congressman J. N. Kehoe. It is not probable that there will be a vacancy until March 1 next. Mr. Cole is the only Democratic member of the bar at Greenup.

All the moonshiners do not live on Big Sandy, as the following from the Ashland Independent shows:

H. C. Herndon, deputy collector, and others, made a raid in Greenup county Tuesday night, six miles from Ashland, and captured a thirty-gallon moonshine still, seven fermenting tubs, 100 gallons of beer, and fifty gallons of pure moonshine whiskey. They also arrested Wm. Hanes, who was supposed to be operating the distillery.

Sheriff Ed Callahan and Judge J. H. Hargis, defendants in the damage suit of Mrs. Abrella Marcum for \$100,000, were placed on the stand by the plaintiff Monday at Winchester. Callahan said he knew nothing of any \$1,500 paid to Felix Feltner by Hargis. Judge Hargis stated that he loaned Feltner \$1,500 and took his due bill for it. It is not known what line of defense will be pursued by the defendants. The present term of court, which ends Saturday, will be continued until the case is finished.

Prestonsburg, Ky., Dec. 19.—A few days ago we reported the attempted burning of the home of Sam Hatcher at the mouth of Beaver. On Friday night, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, the family and guests were awakened by a terrible explosion and the falling of the chimneys of the house. They investigated and found that an attempt had been made to blow up the house by throwing dynamite on top of the building, but, fortunately, the dynamite struck and lodged in some trees near the house, tearing them to splinters, but the jar and shock was so great that it tore the bricks from the chimneys and, shoving the entire family, throwing

one man from his bed. A posse of men started in pursuit of the guilty party, or parties, and traced them by their newly made tracks in the snow to the home of Mrs. Marshall, on Bull creek, where they proceeded to arrest Frank Ellis and Levin Marshall, whose shoes fitted perfectly the newly made tracks.

A knife was found on Ellis with the initials "F. M." on it, where he had cut the "fuses" of the dynamite. They, Salmons saw and recognized the guilty parties as they were trying to make their escape. Ellis had made threats against Mr. Hatcher and his family. Hatcher was in Catlettsburg at the time, only arriving here Saturday on the noon train. The officers arrested and brought Ellis and Marshall in, and they are now lodged in jail. Ellis is a bad character. This is the third building he is accused of burning—Ashland Independent.

Prestonsburg.—On Sunday, the 11th, we had with us Mr. C. C. Case, a musical director of international reputation, author of some of the finest and best known musical works, conductor of choruses at Chattanooga, Peabody, etc., and with D. L. Moody in his great revival meetings, and director of Boston School of Church Music. He sang a number of selections which were very fine and much appreciated. Mr. Case went on to Hindman to look after the Presbyterian Church work there, and will return here on Friday, the 23rd, when we hope to secure him for at least one song service. It is not often we get Mr. Case in this part of the State. He is a man of great ability and is capable of giving—Independent.

PAINTSVILLE.

Three-year-old son of Garland Castle, near Paintsville, threw a loaded shotgun shell into an open grave. The shell exploded and landed ten feet